

Today's News - May 13, 2005

"Facadectomies" spur the debate about the nature of architectural preservation in Chicago. – Meanwhile, at construction sites Chicagoans are treated to views they've never seen before. – Waterfront plans in Dún Laoghaire, Ireland, have a lot more going for them than protesters would have you believe. – Not all are pleased with plans for housing development in Edinburgh. – With its history of "malignant architecture," Philadelphia's Jefferson University trying to be a better neighbor. – Mixed reactions to Parthenon-topped office tower in Sacramento. – Herford, Germany, has high hopes for new museum's Bilbao effect (And why not? It's designed by the architect who invented the effect.) – Toronto waterfront development has the right punch, despite what the naysayers say. – An impressive shortlist to pick from for Toronto's Regent Park revitalization. – Revitalizing downtown Phoenix includes a new hotel with "street vibrancy." – Does Berlin's new memorial really relate? (followed by an interesting response to Koolhaas's criticism that "architecture is too slow.") – Washington, DC's Lincoln Cottage lovingly restored. – The Fibonacci sequence of numbers is inspiring artists and architects once again. – Chinese tile catalogs nixed for copying originals from Italy. – Seventh "Buildings at Risk Northern Ireland" catalogue launched. – Weekend diversion: Fujifilm's new (and mesmerizing) ForestsForever.com web site "could easily lead to planet-wide incidents of tree-hugging."

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[Slicing and Dicing the Past to Get to the Future: Plans to slip a sparkling new condo tower behind vintage facades spurs debate on the nature of architectural preservation. By Lynn Becker – Solomon Cardwell Buenz \[images\]- Repeat \(Chicago\)](#)

[Another perspective: views around the worksites...views of skyscrapers that we, the pedestrians on the sidewalk, have never seen before. By Blair Kamin- Chicago Tribune](#)

[Baths plan has merit but must wash its face financially: There's a lot more to plans for the site of Dún Laoghaire's derelict baths than simplistic slogans about privatising the seafront. By Frank McDonald- The Irish Times](#)

[Luxury flats plan for Edinburgh deaf school wins seal of approval: £80m housing development set for go-ahead despite widespread protests. – William Henry Playfair \(1852\); Richard Murphy- The Scotsman \(UK\)](#)

[A sprout of hope at Jefferson University: Given Jefferson's earlier ham-fisted proposals for the site and its inventory of malignant architecture, the new \\$60 million design is evidence of enlightenment. By Inga Saffron – Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann; Andropogon \[image\]- Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

[Change on the horizon: Reaction mixed to proposal for new office tower...the Parthenon...29-story office tower...would be capped with a scale replica of the Greek goddess Athena's temple. – Edwin M. Kado \[link to images\]- Sacramento Bee](#)

[Gehry's New \[MARTa\] Museum in Germany's Herford Aims to Boost Economy: ...a billowing brick combination art museum, conference center and forum for furniture makers, the core of the local economy.- Bloomberg News](#)

[Harbour project will deliver jolt of vitality: The 52-storey, \\$350-million Maple Leaf Square condo has the right architectural punch and, together with a hotel and retail stores, will help rejuvenate a moribund area. By John Bentley Mays – Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg \(KPMB\); Page + Steele- Globe and Mail \(Canada\)](#)

[Toronto Community Housing Holds Design Competition for Regent Park Building: ...will be part of the first phase of the Regent Park Revitalization. – Architects Alliance; Diamond & Schmitt Architects; Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg; Montgomery Sisam; Teeple Architects- Canada NewsWire \(CNW\)](#)

[Vision for downtown Phoenix hotel taking shape: Architect's plans call for 31-story Sheraton with 'street vibrancy' – Arquitectonica \[image\]- Arizona Republic](#)

[Berlin Story: If you stumbled upon a five-acre field of 2,711 concrete pillars and didn't know that it was intended to be a "memorial to the murdered Jews of Europe," would it really communicate to you "the scope of the Holocaust's horrors"? By Nancy Levinson – Peter Eisenman- ArtsJournal](#)

[National Trust Celebrates Completed Restoration of Lincoln Cottage Exterior: ...the most significant historic site directly linked with the Lincoln presidency other than the White House. – Hillier- National Trust for Historic Preservation](#)

[As easy as 1, 1, 2, 3 ... First discovered 800 years ago, the Fibonacci sequence of numbers is inspiring artists and architects once again.- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

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